



HISTORY EXCURSIONS at the Michigan Historical Museum

Fall 2005 - Spring 2006

GENERAL MUSEUM TOURS

The General Tour covers both floors of the museum in approximately 1½ hours. It is FREE and can be booked a year in advance through the CAPITOL TOUR SERVICE, (517) 373-2353. Time slots are limited and fill quickly.

HISTORY EXCURSIONS

History Excursions offer an alternative way for school groups to learn from and enjoy the Michigan Historical Museum. The museum offers History Excursions daily: September through March. The Extended Experience is similar to the General Museum Tour, but includes a pre-assigned docent who will both lead the museum tour and visit the classroom ahead of time to prepare students for their museum visit.

- Teachers who want to focus on a particular aspect of Michigan history may choose one of seven Theme Excursions developed to support 4th, 5th, and 6th grade curriculums.
- Three Early Elementary Programs are designed to engage students in learning experiences relevant to preschool through 3rd grade curriculums.
- Create-a-craft activities provide hands-on learning and encourage an understanding of Michigan's strong heritage of craft-making traditions.
- Dates and times must be arranged in advance and payment must be received at least 30 days in advance of the excursion date to hold a reservation.
- Extended Tours, Theme Excursions, and Early Elementary Programs cost \$30 per class. Create-a-Craft programs cost \$45.
- Our programs can accommodate a maximum of 30 students per class.

BOOKING EXCURSIONS

- Call 517-241-0708 to reserve a date and time for your class to visit the museum and plan your excursion.
- Then, fill out the attached reservation form and mail it to: Michigan Historical Museum, Box 30740, Lansing, MI 48909-8247 with your check made payable to: **State of Michigan**. Checks must arrive at least 30 days in advance in order to hold your reservation.

EXTENDED EXPERIENCES Grades 4 through 6, \$30 per class, 2-3 hours

This excursion is custom tailored to meet the interests and needs of teachers and their students. It extends the museum experience by including a classroom previsit and a longer tour with a pre-assigned docent. The docent will visit schools within the greater Lansing area to prepare students for their museum visit. He or she will bring reproduction artifacts for students to see and touch, emphasizing the hands-on, object-based approach to history that they will encounter on their tour. The Extended Experience at the museum lasts two to three hours and emphasizes the time periods teachers want students to study—from Michigan's First Peoples to the 1970s.

THEME EXCURSIONS Grades 4 through 6, \$30 per class, 1 1/2 hours



Arsenal of Democracy Thousands of Michigan citizens participated in the Second World War, both at home and abroad. Learn about them through artifacts, hands-on activities, and stories of the men, women and children who contributed to the war efforts that made Michigan the Arsenal of Democracy.

- **The Everyday Life of a Lumberjack** Learn about life during the lumbering era through the lingo and stories of Michigan's lumberjacks.
- **Movers and Seekers: Michigan Immigrants and Migrants** Discover how and why immigrants and migrants came to Michigan through stories, artifacts and primary documents.
- **Mining Iron and Copper** Dig into Michigan's mining heritage and discover what it was like to work in northern Michigan's early mines.

- **Uncovering Clues to the Underground Railroad** **Monday, 1–2:30 p.m.** Learn about the lives of enslaved African Americans and Michigan's role in their journey to freedom.
- **Michigan's First Peoples** Find common threads of human experience in the exploration of Michigan's Native American heritage.
- **Bartering and Buying: Building Michigan's Economy** Explore the ups and downs of Michigan's money matters—from beaver pelts to the B-24 and beyond.

THEME EXCURSIONS Preschool through grade 3, \$30 per class, 1 1/2 hours

■ Growing Up in Michigan (Grades 1 through 3)

Monday or Wednesday, 9:30-11 a.m. or 1-2:30 p.m.

Compare and contrast a child's life in Michigan today with that of one in rural Michigan a hundred years ago. Discover the similarities and differences in children's chores and pastimes through museum exhibits and hands-on activities.

■ My Community—Butcher, Baker, Candlestick Maker (Grades 1 through 3)

Monday or Wednesday, 9:30-11 a.m. or 1-2:30 p.m. Meet the people who work in our community now and in the past. Study the ways jobs have changed and examine the tools we use to get things done.

■ Grandma's and Grandpa's Memories (Preschool through 1st grade)

Monday or Wednesday, 9:30-10:30 a.m. or 1:15-2:15 p.m.

Explore Grandma's or Grandpa's trunk. Each object holds memories of times gone by. As children examine each article, Grandma or Grandpa shares stories of long ago.



CREATE-A-CRAFT \$45 per class, 1 hour

These sessions provide hands-on learning about Michigan's rich craft heritage. The fee includes supplies.



- **Butter Making (Grades K through 3)** Learn about rural life in Michigan. Try your hand at making butter.
- **Old-time Toys (Grades K and up)** Discover what children did before television and video games. Play with wooden toys and traditional games. Make a game to take home.
- **Candle Dipping (Grades 3 and up)** Learn how people lit their homes before electricity. Make a beeswax candle to take home.
- **Tin Punching (Grades 3 and up)** Discover the art of the tinsmith. Create a punched tin design to take home.
- **Corn Husk Dolls (Grades 3 and up)** Both Native American and pioneer children made dolls from corn husks. Create a corn husk doll.
- **Model a Pot (Grades 3 and up)** Learn about Michigan's earliest pottery-making traditions. Create a decorative pot.

OTHER PROGRAMS

THE BIG HISTORY LESSON (Grades 3 through 5)

This week-long adventure provides teachers and students the opportunity to use the Michigan Historical Museum as a classroom for an in-depth study of Michigan history. Teachers participate in a summer training session to plan their BIG History Lesson week. For applications for the 2005-2006 school year go to www.michigan.gov/bighistory. For more information contact Laurie Dickens, (517) 241-0731 or dickensl@michigan.gov.



FUTURE HISTORIANS (Grades 4 through 12) Youth learn about collecting, exhibiting and promoting history and assist museum staff in programs and special events. For more information about their monthly meetings, contact Laurie Dickens (517) 241-0731 or dickensl@michigan.gov.

NATIONAL HISTORY DAY IN MICHIGAN (Grades 4 through 12) The Michigan Historical Museum supports and promotes Michigan History Day, sponsored by the Historical Society of Michigan. The museum hosts a National History Day district competition in March each year. Students compete in a variety of historical categories with original papers, performances, documentaries and displays. For more information contact David Bridgens at (517) 241-0594 or bridgensd@michigan.gov.

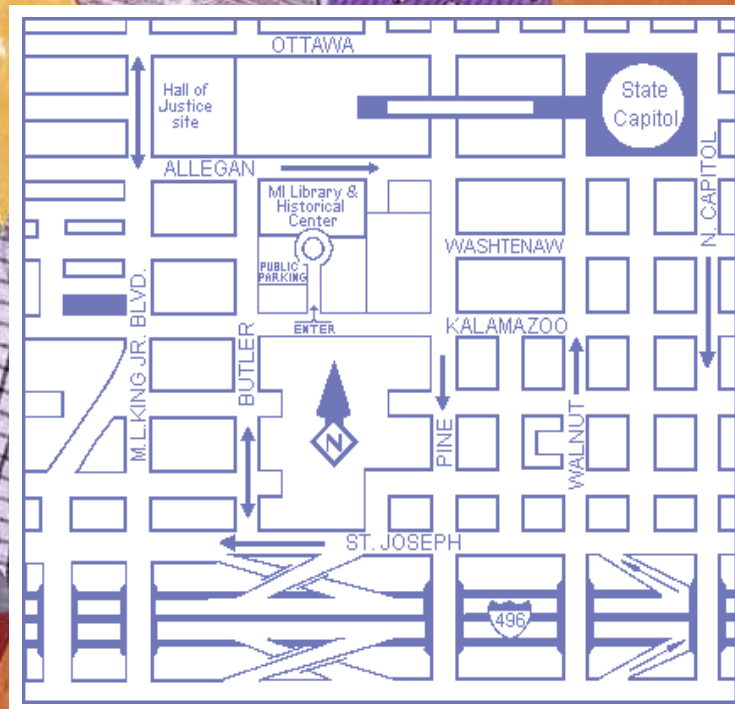
ON-LINE EXCURSIONS (www.michiganhistory.org) Lesson plans and student activities correlated with museum exhibits provide pre-visit and post-visit study materials. Objectives relate to Michigan Social Studies Standards.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- **WHEN YOU ARRIVE** Please check in at the Museum Information Desk.
- **LUNCH AT THE MICHIGAN HISTORICAL MUSEUM** Students and chaperons may bring sack lunches and eat at the museum. Seating is limited and available on a "first-come, first serve" basis. **Richard's Snack Shop** is open weekdays.
- **MUSEUM STORE** Visit the **Museum Store** for Michigan-related books and gifts. The Museum Store is open 7 days a week. Weekday hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Weekend hours: Sat., 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Sun., 1 to 5 p.m. For details, call the store manager at (517) 373-1663.
- **MUSEUM HOURS** The Michigan Historical Museum is open to the public FREE of charge. Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Saturday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday 1-5 p.m. It is closed on official state holidays.
- **MUSEUM LOCATION** The Michigan Historical Museum is located in the Michigan Library and Historical Center, two blocks west of the State Capitol, at 702 West Kalamazoo St., Lansing, Michigan. The visitor parking lot entrance is located off Kalamazoo St., east of M. L. King Jr. Boulevard. **Visit us on-line at www.michiganhistory.org.**
- **PARKING** On weekdays, buses park free and automobiles pay 75 cents per hour. Weekend parking is free. The parking fees may be paid at the **Museum Store**.
- **DOWNTOWN ROAD CONSTRUCTION** For more information, contact MDOT's Lansing Transportation Service Center at (517) 324-2260 or visit MDOT on the Web at www.michigan.gov/capitol-loop.

New Special Exhibit: A Soldier's Life in Michigan November 2005 - June 2006

In over 200 years, daily life at Michigan's military posts has changed in many ways, but some things never change.... Explore the daily lives of soldiers, sailors, marines and air force personnel living at different forts and posts through artifacts, graphics and hands-on experiences.



REGISTRATION FOR HISTORY EXCURSIONS

Teacher/Contact Name _____ Telephone (____) _____

School Name _____ Grade _____

Address _____ City _____ ZIP _____

School Phone (____) _____ E-mail _____

The Extended Experience (\$30 per class)

Excursion _____ Date: _____ Time: _____ Amount: \$ _____

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Theme Excursion (\$30 per class)

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Early Elementary Programs (\$30 per class)

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Create-a-Craft (\$45 per class)

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TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$ _____

Registration:

1. Call (517) 241-0708 to reserve a date and time.
2. After confirming your date and time, mail this form with payment to:
Michigan Historical Museum, Box 30740, Lansing, MI 48909-8247

Form of Payment: ☐ Check enclosed

Make check payable to: State of Michigan.

Please put this on the memo line of your check: Acct. #49005.

Charge my registration to: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover (check one)

Cardholder's name _____

Billing address _____

Card number _____ Expiration date _____

Signature _____

Payment must be received at least 30 days in advance of your excursion in order to hold your reservation. A 20% processing fee will be charged for all cancellations. There will be no refunds if you cancel 10 business days before the program. Please make a copy of both sides of this form for your records.

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